



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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Dear Faithful St. Vincent de Paul Parishioners,

One of my favorite quotes from St. Vincent de Paul our Patron is “If we are faithful to God, we will lack nothing.” These words of wisdom remind us that God is always with us. During struggling times we cling to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit to give us strength, and the Blessed Trinity will provide all we need.

We have received new directives from the diocese that all are churches are to be closed until further notice. I know your love for Jesus in the Eucharist is strong, so I encourage you to continue your Spiritual Communion throughout the day. Hopefully in the near future we will be united around the Altar of the Lord.

We are living this Lenten season in a new way. Lent helps us to recall that we are to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him. We are denying and surrendering many things while we experience “a new way of living” but it is a great realization that we put ourselves last so that we can will the good of the other in our lives, especially our families. God will provide all we need. A song by Kitty Cleveland entitled “God Will Provide” is a prayer for us to understand that God will never leave us alone, and He will take care of us. I encourage you to listen to this beautiful song.

Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their regular contributions. At this time parishioners are mailing in their contributions to the parish office or having it directly taken out of their account. If you would be interested in setting up an automatic election debit from your account, you can contact the parish office. We recently set up a new online giving option that allows our parishioners a way to give to St. Vincent’s via credit card or debit card. It is easy to use, confidential and private. If you would like to make an online gift go <https://cdop.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/parishes>.

Please know that we are committed to continuing the good work of our parish and the Church at this time. We want to thank each of you for the many ways you support our mission, and ask that you please continue to support the work of our Church. Our parish is dependent upon your weekly financial gifts to continue its ministries in this critical time of crisis when we are not able to go to Mass. We thank you for your generosity.

We have begun contacting our parishioners via email to allow for quick communication and ability to work remotely during the pandemic crisis. If you received this letter, you do not have an email address on file with the parish office. If you use email to communicate, please call the parish office or email us at svdpppeoria@hotmail.com with your most current email address.

Continue to pass on your words of encouragement to one another via social media. Let’s spread Good News to the world. Please know that Father Taylor and I are praying daily – indeed, many times a day – for all of you. May we be a beacon of hope and light to the world by our witnessing to each other in word and deed.

In Christ,
Fr. Willard